

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed December 7, 2007, the Examiner noted that claims 1-19 were pending and rejected claims 1-19. Claims 1-19 have been amended, claim 20 has been added, no claims have been canceled, and, thus, in view of the foregoing, claims 1-20 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter has been added. The Examiner's rejections and objections are traversed below.

OBJECTIONS

The specification is objected to for various informalities. In particular, the Office objects to the use of the word "data" as a plural and the word "appliquettes." The specification has been amended to remove objected-to informalities.

REJECTIONS under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-10, 13-16 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Levergood U.S. Patent No. 5,708,780. The Applicant respectfully disagrees and traverses the rejection with an argument and amendment. Levergood discusses a system that when a user needs an access to an access control file on a content server, the content server transmits a request to an authentication server which determines whether a user has an authorization or valid account. Upon such verification, the user is provided with a session identification which allows the user to access the requested file.

On page 4 of the Office Action, the Office asserts that Levergood at col. 6, lines 58-65 discloses "automatic means (7, 22, 24) forming a **catalog of usable access instruments accessible by a user** of said receiver station (6) **for the selection, by this user, of one of these access instruments,**" (emphasis added) as in amended claim 1. In the Office Action, the Office indicates usable access instruments as in the claims are a "(user profile)" as in Levergood.

However, access instruments are defined in the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 34 of the instant application wherein it states "[t]his server 20 comprises automatic means forming a catalog of usable access instruments which comprise a database 22 **used to associate access conditions data with the data I*** of the server 4" (Emphasis added). Thus, an access instrument is not a user profile, but a list that associates access conditions with data. The claim as quoted above affirmatively requires the "usable access instruments accessible by a user ... for the selection by this user. The use of an access instrument being selected by a user cannot be found in the cited reference. Therefore, Levergood does not anticipate "a catalog of usable access instruments accessible by a user ... for the selection, by this user, of one of these access instruments," as in amended claim 1.

Additionally, in order to further differentiate the claims from the prior art, the Applicant has amended claim 1 to

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-means for access to at least two different management servers (14);

-automatic means (7, 22, 24) forming a catalog of usable access instruments accessible by a user of said receiver station (6) for the selection, by this user, of one of these access instruments, each of said access instruments being associated with a respective user management server (14);

-means for exchanging information with the user management server (14) associated with the selected access instrument;

The prior art failing to anticipate a means of accessing at least two different management servers, where the access instruments are associated with the respective user management servers and having a means for exchanging information with the user management server associated with the selected access instrument. Support for the amendment can be found on page 7, lines 7-10, page 7 lines 3-5 and page 12, lines 1 and 2. The Applicant submits that no new matter has been added by the amendment of claim 1 or the corresponding amendments to claims 1, 2 and 10.

Therefore, for at least the reasons argued above, claim 1 and the claims dependent therefrom are patentably distinguishable from Levergood.

REJECTIONS under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 11, 12 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Levergood in view of Riley, U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0010800. Riley adds nothing to the deficiencies of Levergood as regards independent claim 1 as argued above, and therefore, the combination of Levergood and Riley, taken separately or in combination fail to render obvious the elements of claims 11, 12 and 18.

REJECTIONS under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 17 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over in view of Adam, U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0181710. Riley adds nothing to the deficiencies of Levergood as regards independent claim 1 as argued above, and therefore, the combination of Levergood and Adam, taken separately or in combination, fails to render obvious the elements of claims 17.

Claim 20 is new. Support for claim 20 is found in claim 1 and Fig. 1 and the accompanying text. It is submitted that no new matter has been added by the addition of claim 20. The prior art failing to teach a control server for controlling the exchange between the receiver station and the data server via a catalogue of usable access instruments retrieved from the at least two separate management servers, the control server determining a data exchange between the receiver station and the data server based on exchange control parameters of a selected

access instrument, wherein the selected access instrument is selected by the user of the receiver station from the catalog of usable access instruments.

SUMMARY

It is submitted that the claims satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103. It is also submitted that claims 1-20 continue to be allowable. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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